(b) and (c) Detailed designing of the cable stayed bridge module for . " the difficult foundation area on South aide has been taken Up.

Broad Gauge Bail line to Guwahati

144. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pieased to state;

(a) whether the Broad Gauge rail line constructed upto Guwahati is not strong enough to withstand the super fast trains, running beyond 75 km. per hour; ;

(b) whether there is any proposal- under Government's consideration touHgrade the strength of this Broad Gauge line to make it suitable forsuper fast trains; and

(c) if so what are the details there

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE ' MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir, except in certain stretches.

(b) and (c) Ballast cushion ig being increase^ for raising the speed in those stretches.

MIpraetic/es in Kail reservation at Delhi

. 145. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAIL. WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in spite of computerisation of advance railway reservations at Delhi, malpractices go unabated and reservation for long distance stations are made in fictitious names and then tickets sold to actual travellers at a premium by well established grouo., running travel agencies in tha capital; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check this and provide better service to genuine passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) The malpracticeB have come down appre ciably after computerisation of reser vations,

(b) The following steps have been taken: —

(i) A close surveillance on Reservation offices is being maintained to detect and apprehend touts. During the period 1-11-86 to 8-4-87, 69 touts were apprehended and prosecuted in Delhi area. (ii) Cheeks axe conducted in running trains to detect cases of transferred reservations.

(iii) In some cases, where telephone numbers are mentioned in the requisition slip, phone calls are made to find out whether the reservation made is genuine. In cases of doubt, the reservation is cancelled.

(iv) Railway staff are also sent to visit the addres given in the requisition slip and reservation cancelled if particulars are found fictitious, During checks made recently. 6 such reservations with false addresses were cancelled.

(v) Frequent warnings to intending passengers against unauthorised purchase/sale of tickets are be- -ing issued through notices and announcements over the public announcement system; and

(vi) Strict supervision is maintained over reservation staff and those found indulging in irregulari-' ties are taken up departmentally

Sports grant to Punjab University

146. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL-Wil] the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT • be pleased to state;

(a) what was the amount of grant released by Government through UGC or otherwise to the Punjab University for Promotion of sports during eaoh of the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of the suresh steps that have been taken to attract students to sports and scouting at young age?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA); (a) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it sanctioned the following grants to Punjab University for promotion of sports during the last three years:

Year	Amount paid
1984-85	Rs. 50, 000
1985-86	Nil
1986-87	Rs.. 1, 00, 000

(b) With a view to attracting students to sports the Government have raised the number and value of sports scholarships for students three-fold. The Sports Authority of India has launched ' the schemes of National Sports Talent Contest for school students and Adoption of schools for nurturing talent spotted in the Contest. The Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports hag, set up a number of Sports field Stations in universities to impart sports training and coaching to students. The new School Prize Money Scheme based on district level tournaments among schools is expected to create enthusiasm fo_r sports among students. Besides, grants are given by Government to the University Grants Commission for assisting universities and colleges in creation of sports infrastructure. As for scouting and guiding, a provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for encouraging these act!' vitles, inter *alia* in schools and colleges.

Assistance to Punjab University for Video Cassette Production

. 147. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased. to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to' help in the establishment of video cassette production units by various educational institutions or Universities; and

(b) if so, what assistance has been offered to the Punjab University for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-. MENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI). (a) The UGC is implementing, a programme of establishment of Educational Media Research Centres and Audio-Visual Research Centres in selected universities. The centres are intended for the production of software for educational broadcasts and telecasts and for training of manpower for this purpose.

(b) The Punjab University has submitted a proposal for the establishment of an Audio-Visual Research Centre. No decision has been taken by the Commission on this proposal. In the meanwhile, the Commission has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 11. 25 lakhs to the Punjab University for production of Video-programmes.

U. G. C. sanction for Film, Study centres in Universities?

148. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN.. SAL: WW the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the U. G. C. has sanctioned setting up of Film Study Centres in some Universities;

(b) if so, what are the objects and guiding principles for the establishment of such Centres; and

(c) which of the Universities that have already set up these centres?